

Senate Bill 159

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd and Thomas of the 2nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-6-315 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 headgear and eye-protective devices for motorcycle riders, so as to provide an exception for
3 persons who are 21 years of age or older, have taken certain education courses, and have
4 certain experience in riding motorcycles; to provide an exception for passengers of a
5 motorcycle who are 21 years of age or older; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 40-6-315 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to headgear and
10 eye-protective devices for motorcycle riders, is amended by striking subsection (a) and
11 inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

12 "(a) No person shall operate or ride upon a motorcycle unless he or she is wearing
13 protective headgear which complies with standards established by the commissioner of
14 motor vehicle safety. This subsection shall not apply to:

15 (1) The operator of any motorcycle who is 21 years of age or older, has completed a
16 motorcycle rider education course approved by the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety,
17 and has held a motorcycle operators license for at least two years; or

18 (2) The passenger of a motorcycle operator who is exempt under this subsection if the
19 passenger is 21 years of age or older."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.